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**LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE SEMINAR FOR FOLSOM AREA
FAITH-BASED NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard and Assemblyman Tim Leslie are sponsoring a free one-day tax seminar to assist faith-based nonprofit and exempt organizations in the Folsom Area.

Leonard encourages those responsible for faith-based nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn more about how tax laws and reporting requirements affect them. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes for nonprofits, and raffle laws.

Experts from the State Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and the Attorney General's Office will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Lake Natoma Inn
Sierra 1 Conference Room
702 Gold Lake Drive
Folsom, CA

Those wishing to attend may register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm
For more information please call Anita Stott at 916-445-8328.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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